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1. MEETING OF THE INTERAGENCY GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND
FOREIGN ASSISTANCE (IGHRFA) WORKING GROUP (LOU)

ON JUNE 16 WE ATTENDED AN IGHRFA WORKING GROUP MEETING
WITH AN ENORMOUS 281 ITEM AGENDA, THE GREAT MAJORITY OF
WHICH CONCERNED OTHER REGIONAL BUREAUS. ON THE EA DOCKET
INDONESIA TOOK PRIDE OF PLACE WITH 12 ITEMS INCLUDING PL
480, AID LOANS AND GRANTS AND ADB LOANS. ALL WERE
APPROVED HANDILY, ALTHOUGH HA NOTED THAT THE INDONESIAN
GOVERNMENT BAN ON MEETINGS OF OVER 5 PERSONS BEARS
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WATCHING. 3 ADB AND ONE IFC ITEM FOR THAILAND WERE ALL
PUT ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR THE NEXT CHRISTOPHER GROUP
MEETING. AN ADB LOAN AND AN IBRD LOAN FOR THE PHILIPPINES
WERE REFERRED TO THE CHRISTOPHER GROUP. FOR THE FIRST
TIME PROPOSED LOANS FOR VLC COUNTRIES APPEARED ON THE

AGENDA: AN ADB LOAN FOR FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT FOR LAOS

AND IDA LOAN FOR IRRIGATION FOR VIETNAM. PRESIDENTIAL COMMITMENT REQUIRES US TO VOTE AGAINST THESE. APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS WILL ACCORDINGLY BE DRAWN UP FOR OUR REPRESENTATIVES. THERE WAS A FAIR AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ABOUT AN \$18.8 MILLION ADB LOAN TO BURMA BECAUSE OF THE 150,000 ARAKANESE WHO HAVE FLED TO BANGLADESH. HA PRESSED FOR REPRESENTATIONS TO THE BURMESE GOVERNMENT; HOWEVER, WE ARGUED SUCCESSFULLY THAT THERE WAS NO HARD EVIDENCE OF ANY DELIBERATE BURMESE GOVERNMENT POLICY TO FORCE THESE PEOPLE TO FLEE NOR OF ANY DELIBERATE BRUTALITY BY THE GOVERNMENT TOWARD THE REFUGEES, AND THAT ANY REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY US NOW WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. IT WAS DECIDED TO DEFER ACTION ON THE LOAN AND MAINTAIN A WATCHING BRIEF ON THE ARAKANESE SITUATION. MARK SCHNEIDER ANNOUNCED THAT THE IGHRFA WORKING GROUP HAS BEEN DESIGNATED ALSO TO BE THE WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND THAT IT WOULD SOON BEGIN HOLDING REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS. ALEX WATSON OF EB SAID THAT EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO IMPROVE WORKING GROUP PROCEDURES, SUCH AS TRYING TO LOOK FURTHER DOWN THE PIPELINE, AND THAT IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT AN EARLY MEETING.

2. ANOTHER AFL-CIO VICE PRESIDENT TO VISIT EA COUNTRIES (LOU)

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IN ADDITION TO THE VISIT OF AFL-CIO VICE PRESIDENT CHAIKIN (REPORTED IN OUR JUNE 14 STATUS REPORT), WE HAVE ALSO BEEN COORDINATING A VISIT WHICH ALBERT SHANKER WILL BE MAKING TO THAILAND, HONG KONG, JAPAN, THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND INDONESIA. SHANKER IS PRESIDENT OF THE PRIMARILY NEW YORK CITY BASED AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS (AFT) AND IS ALSO A WELL-KNOWN AFL-CIO PRESIDENT. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE AFL-CIO STANDING COMMITTEES FOR ECONOMIC POLICY, LEGISLATION, POLITICAL EDUCATION, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION AND IS NOTED FOR HIS FORCEFUL VIEWS AND FORTHRIGHT WAY OF EXPRESSING THEM. HE IS VISITING JAPAN AS AFL-CIO PRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY'S "PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE" TO THE SOHYO NATIONAL CONVENTION, ANOTHER MOVE IN THE GROWING RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN SOHYO AND THE AFL-CIO. IN THAILAND HE INTENDS TO LOOK AT AAFLI (ASIAN AMERICAN FREE LABOR INSTITUTE) PROJECTS AND TO VISIT A COUPLE OF REFUGEE CAMPS; THE FORMER IN HIS ROLE OF MEMBER OF THE AAFLI BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE LATTER PRESUMABLY TO DEMONSTRATE THE AFL-CIO HUMANITARIAN INTEREST IN THE FATE OF THE REFUGEES. THE VISIT TO INDONESIA IS TO LOOK AT AAFLI PROJECTS - TWO OF THEM ON BALI. WE HAVE NOT BEEN

INFORMED WHY HE IS GOING TO TAIPEI BUT ONE MAY SURMISE THAT IT IS ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION OF AFL-CIO SOLIDARITY WITH THE ROC. WE ASSUME THE HONG KONG STOP IS FOR R & R. SHANKER HAS NOT ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE, HOWEVER, WE HAVE ASKED OUR POSTS TO EXTEND APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE AND COURTESIES.

3. MEETING WITH NSF RE MONSOON EXPERIMENT (MONEX)
(CONFIDENTIAL)

A NUMBER OF OFFICERS MET THIS MORNING WITH OES AND NSF REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE PLACEMENT OF ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH EQUIPMENT IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AS
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PART OF A LARGE-SCALE WEATHER OBSERVATION PROGRAM CALLED MONEX (TWO OTHER AREAS WERE DISCUSSED AS WELL - SOCOTRA AND TIBET). NSF OFFICIALS OUTLINED TENTATIVE PLAN THEY HAD DEVELOPED TO PLACE WEATHER EQUIPMENT ON ROC-HELD ITU ABA ISLAND IN THE SPRATLEYS IN THE PERIOD DECEMBER 78 - FEBRUARY 79. DAVE BROWN POINTED OUT A NUMBER OF OBJECTIONS TO THE PLAN AS OUTLINED (USG FUNDING, USE OF DOD EMPLOYEE IN CONTACTING THE ROC, ETC.). MIKE GELNER OUTLINED THE GENERAL PROBLEM STATE WOULD HAVE WITH PROJECTS CLOSELY LINKED TO THE USG ANYWHERE IN THE DISPUTED AREAS. ON THE OTHER HAND IF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION OR THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC UNIONS, WHICH ARE JOINTLY SPONSORING MONEX, WERE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PLACE THE NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS WITH ANY OF THE CLAIMING STATES, THE US WOULD HAVE LITTLE TO SAY ABOUT IT SO LONG AS US FUNDS WERE NOT DIRECTLY LINKED SO AS TO IMPLY SUPPORT FOR A PARTICULAR CLAIM. (E.G., THE ROC COULD BUY THE EQUIPMENT ON THE OPEN MARKET ON ITS OWN AND COOPERATE WITH THE ICSU -- OF WHICH THE ROC BUT NOT THE PRC, IS A MEMBER, -- WITHOUT NSC FUNDING.) THE NSF REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN EXPLORING WHETHER THE WMO -- OF WHICH THE PHILIPPINES AND THE PRC, BUT NOT THE ROC, ARE MEMBERS COULD WORK OUT AGREEMENT WITH THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT TO PLACE EQUIPMENT ON A PHILIPPINES-HELD ISLAND.

4. SSOD - COMING DOWN THE STRETCH (CONFIDENTIAL)

WITH ONLY A SHORT TIME TO GO BEFORE THE SCHEDULED CLOSING OF THE SSOD, USUN REPORTS THAT THE DRAFTING ON THE FINAL DOCUMENT HAS BEEN SLOW AND DIFFICULT AND THE OUTCOME IS STILL UNCLEAR. THE MISSION BELIEVES THAT CONSENSUS MAY BE POSSIBLE ON THE INTRODUCTION AND DECLARATION SECTIONS
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AND THAT A DEAL MAY BE STRUCK ON THE MATTER OF DISARMAMENT MACHINERY. HOWEVER, CONSENSUS ON A PROGRAM OF ACTION WITH ANY TEETH IS NOT NOW IN SIGHT.

ON SPECIFIC EA MATTERS WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON INSTRUCTIONS TO THE DELEGATION ON THE MALAYSIAN PROPOSAL THAT THE FINAL DOCUMENT REFER SPECIFICALLY TO THE DESIRABILITY OF A ZONE OF PEACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. THE PROPOSITION HAS WIDE-SPREAD SUPPORT INCLUDING REPORTEDLY THAT OF THE ASEANS, EUROPEANS, NON-ALIGNED AND VIETNAMESE. EA HAS TOLD PM THAT IN VIEW OF WIDE-SPREAD SUPPORT WE WILL GO ALONG WITH THE PROPOSAL.

WITH REGARD TO THE LANGUAGE ON NEGATIVE SECURITY ASSURANCES WE ARE SEEKING TO FUND OFF SPECIFIC AND DETAILED FORMULATIONS OF THE CONCEPT, URGING INSTEAD MORE GENERAL LANGUAGE ALONG THE LINE OF "APPROPRIATE ASSURANCES".

5. SSOD - CHINESE PARTICIPATION (CONFIDENTIAL)

NEW YORK REPORTS THAT THE CHINESE ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE SPECIAL SESSION AS ALOOF OBSERVERS, PUSHING THEIR PROPAGANDA POSITION ON OCCASION BUT NOT REALLY DOING BATTLE IN THE DRAFTING GROUPS. THEY HAVE SUBMITTED A LENGTHY WORKING PAPER/STATEMENT SETTING OUT THE CHINESE POSITION ON DISARMAMENT WITH HEAVY EMPHASIS ON CRITICISM OF THE SUPER POWERS. THERE HAS, HOWEVER, RECENTLY BEEN AN INFORMAL MEETING BETWEEN MEMBERS OF OUR DELEGATION AND PRC AMBASSADOR LING CHING (WITH A POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER EXCHANGES). IN DISCUSSING THE FUTURE COMPOSITION OF THE CCD, THE CHINESE STRESSED THAT THE PRESENT MEMBERSHIP WAS NOT EQUALLY OR REASONABLY BASED, POINTING OUT THE DISPROPORTIONATE EASTERN EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION. WHEN
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THE US SUGGESTED CHINESE PARTICIPATION LING CHING SAID THE PRC WOULD HAVE TO SEE THE FINAL TEXT WHICH EMERGES FROM THE SSOD AND THEN DISCUSS THE FUTURE CHINESE ROLE.

6. NAM - ROK CHANGE OF EMPHASIS

DIRECTOR CHANG OF MOFA'S UN DIVISION HAS TOLD EMBASSY SEOUL

THAT THE ROK NO LONGER CONSIDERS IT PRACTICAL TO AVOID
CONSIDERATION OF THE KOREAN QUESTION AT THE FORTHCOMING
BELGRADE NAM MEETING. INSTEAD THE KOREANS ARE WORKING

LANGUAGE AT BELGRADE AND BELIEVES A MORE REALISTIC AIM
MAY BE TO ACHIEVE A MAXIMUM NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS -
POSSIBLY UPPING THE COLOMBO TOTAL TO PERHAPS 35 OR SO. VANCE

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